

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Scallop Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: The Scallop PDT met by conference call on June 27, 2019 and September 12, 2019. The PDT met on July 24, 2019 in Boston, MA, on August 27 & 28 in Woods Hole, MA, and September 4, 2019 in New Bedford, MA. The Scallop Advisory Panel met on September 18, 2019 in Boston, MA. The Scallop Committee met on September 19, 2019 in Boston, MA.
- B. Framework 32: On June 11, 2019 the Council initiated Framework Adjustment 32, an action that will set scallop specifications for fishing year 2020 and default measures for 2021. This action is also expected to include measures to mitigate scallop fishery impacts on Georges Bank yellowtail flounder.
- C. Amendment 21: In May and June of 2019, the Scallop Committee and Council tasked the PDT with development of alternatives to address the goals and objectives of Amendment 21. The Council is expected to continue to develop alternatives this fall.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Amendment 21: Review progress on alternative development. No action required.
- B. Framework 32: Update on 2019 surveys results. No action required.

III. INFORMATION

- 1. Staff Presentation (*to be provided*)
- 2. Motions from Scallop AP and Committee Meetings - September 18 & 19, 2019 (to be provided)
- 3. Framework 32
 - a. Draft SAMS run of exploitable biomass with supporting information
 - b. Nantucket Lightship S-deep discussion document
 - c. Options for mitigating impacts on Georges Bank yellowtail flounder
- 4. Amendment 21
 - a. Draft alternatives (in development)
 - b. Amendment 21 Action Plan
- 5. Meeting Summaries
 - a. Scallop PDT June 27, 2019 Conference Call
 - b. Scallop PDT July 24, 2019 Meeting, Boston, MA
 - c. Scallop PDT August 27 & 28, 2019 Meeting, Falmouth, MA
- 6. Correspondence

Note: Additional 2019 survey information is available on the Council website at this link:
<https://www.nefmc.org/management-plans/scallops>